

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 4: ~~TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION;~~  
between lines 11 and 12, insert: --DESCRIPTION OF  
RELATED ART--.

Page 2, delete line 8.

Page 9, line 30: ~~BEST METHOD OF PERFORMING THE INVENTION~~  
DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS.

Page 14, lines 14-25:

However, in order to facilitate transfer of a drop from one pad to another, it is advantageous for the entire displacement path to be at a common mesa level. Figure 4a is a longitudinal section view of the device 1 on axis IV-VI' of Figure 1 when the two substrates 2a, 2b are assembled together. The two substrates 2a, 2b are sealed together around their perimeter by a sealing gasket ~~4~~ 24 which in particular surrounds the set of electrodes. To enable liquid to be inserted from outside the device into the space between the storage pair of electrodes 4a and 4b associated with the source, the substrate 2a has, in the vicinity of the electrode 4a (or 4b), a filler hole 26 that passes through the substrate, through the mesa structure 22a (or 22b), and through the electrode 4a (or 4b).